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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of : March 28, 2006  
K. Cieliebak, et al : Group Art No.: 3624  
Serial No. 09/699,262 : Examiner: J. Patel  
Filed: October 27, 2000 : IBM Corporation  
Title: PORTFOLIO THEORY METHOD Anne Vachon Dougherty  
OF MANAGING OPERATIONAL 3173 Cedar Road  
RISK WITH RESPECT TO NETWORK Yorktown Hts, N.Y. 10598  
SERVICE-LEVEL AGREEMENTS

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for response for a period of one month. The period for response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2005 for the above-identified patent application will now expire on March 28, 2006. Authorization is hereby given to charge the requisite fee of \$120.00 to Deposit Account 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,  
K. Cieliebak, et al

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